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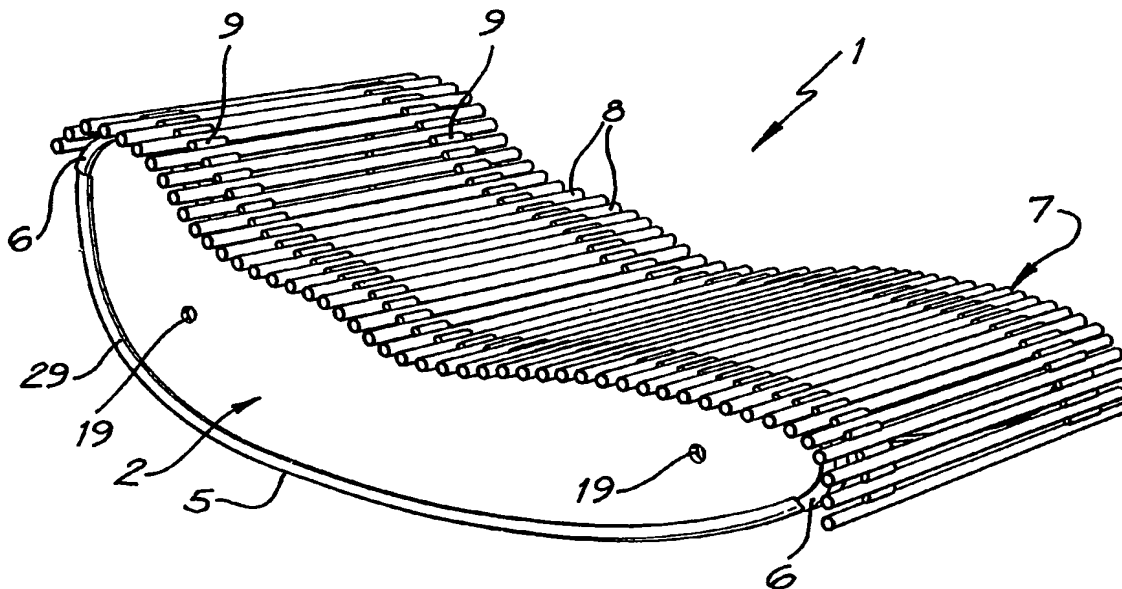
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(57) Abstract: An article of furniture comprises two rigid parallel panels (2) spaced apart by removable rigid members and each having a convex under edge (5) serving as a rocker. A platen (7) of spaced and relatively inflexible elements, such as bamboo rods, is draped over the upper edges of the two panels (2) so that it overlaps the panels and provides a surface on which a person can recline. A massaging assembly between the panels is reciprocable along tracks so that the undersides of the elements are engaged in turn by wheels of the assembly to provide a massaging effect on the underside of a person reclining on the platen.

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